

# COMPLETE UPDATE

The latest news from ACM Waste Management PLC

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# THE NEED TO ACT NOW!

**ACM to host the UK's  
first waste/climate  
change conference**

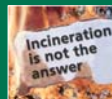
Thursday 27th April 2006  
London Zoo - 10am - 3pm

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# Combating climate change

ACM is hosting the UK's first waste/climate change conference at London Zoo on Thursday 27 April 2006.

Adopting good waste management practice is just one example of how businesses can make simple cost effective changes to improve their performance and protect our environment. The conference will outline ways that they can do this as well as explaining clearly some of the negative effects that climate change is already having.

There will also be the opportunity to hear about Contraction and Convergence, a global plan, which many people believe to be the only real solution to the problem. Many businesses worldwide have already committed to taking steps to protecting the planet and in doing so have also committed their support to the Contraction and Convergence strategy. The list includes over 20 globally recognised brands including BP, British Airways, HSBC, Deloitte, Rio Tinto, Siemens, Toyota and Volkswagen.

ACM chairman, Barry Bolton, said: "The list of companies that have already committed their support for the Contraction and Convergence speaks for itself and in my opinion it is vital that more UK businesses come on board to support this proposal.

"Aubrey Meyer, who will introduce the Contraction and Convergence hypothesis, is one of the world's leading experts in the field of climate change and

this conference will provide a rare opportunity to hear him speak and interact directly with him."

Other speakers are **Colin Challenge MP** who is chairman of the all party group on climate change, **Anton Van Santen** from DEFRA who will give an update on the latest findings of the waste strategy review 2005, **Dirk Hazell** Chief Executive of the ESA who will provide an industry perspective on the waste strategy and energy reviews and **Professor Georgina Mace** from ZSL who will outline the effects of climate change on animals and their habitats.

There is a nominal attendance fee however the conference is a non-profit making event and includes a donation to ZSL - ACM's nominated charity.

**Don't miss out - call Laura now on 020 8344 3064 or email: lharte@acmplc.com to reserve your place.**



ACM Chairman Barry Bolton

# The UK's First 'Climate Neutral' waste management company



**ACM has become the UK's first waste management company to become climate neutral by totally offsetting all its harmful carbon emissions.**



ACM has worked with Climate Care to calculate exactly how many tonnes of CO2 it generates and has helped to fund specially chosen renewable energy projects to neutralise its effect on the climate.

Andy Jacobs chief executive of ACM, explained: "We are deeply concerned about global warming and as a climate conscious company it was very important to us to neutralise our negative environmental impact.

"I believe that we are the first waste management company to do this and we will be actively encouraging all other businesses to do the same."

Climate Care director, Tom Morton, said: "When we met ACM we were very impressed with their passion for dealing with the great unseen waste

stream of our time - CO2 emissions. Not only is their core business reducing the amount of waste that their clients send to landfill via recycling initiatives and further reducing their clients carbon footprints through the reduction in waste vehicle movements, they are also accounting for the CO2 that their business generates. They have a strategy to reduce this and have committed to offsetting the remainder. We would encourage other companies in the sector to follow their lead."

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# Answering the call of the wild

ACM tackles 'Zoo Poo' with ZSL

Anyone in the Regent's Park area of London on 25 January 2006 could have been forgiven for thinking that some very strange looking new animals were arriving at London Zoo! But in fact the new creatures are two brand new waste compactors supplied by ACM painted in a distinctive giraffe pattern.

ACM has provided a complete waste management and recycling solution for ZSL at London Zoo and Whipsnade Wild Animal Park and the waste equipment, at both sites, has been given an extra special paint job to reflect some of the animals at London Zoo and zebras at Whipsnade.

Dealing with zoo waste has provided ACM with a whole new challenge including the disposal of 'zoo poo'. At London Zoo the herbivores including giraffes, bongos, camels and llamas, produce over 10 tonnes of 'zoo poo' every week, which has to be stored efficiently until it can be collected and taken away for composting.



Barry Bolton, explained: "We have supplied London Zoo with three portable, lockable compactors two of which will be used exclusively for the 'zoo poo' and animal bedding. The compactors will ensure that the animal waste is stored efficiently and hygienically and that all odours, spillage and vermin problems are totally eradicated.

"We are also helping London Zoo with all its recycling requirements and therefore we have also supplied a mill size vertical baler."

At Whipsnade one portable, lockable compactor, a vertical mill sized baler and a glass skip have been supplied. ACM has also provided a trailer for the transportation of wheeled bins around the site and an electric towing vehicle for the trailer.

# A recycling boost for Euro-power

**A large twin chamber baler, supplied by ACM, has proved to be the perfect solution to the waste management and recycling problems faced by Leeds based Euro Power Hydraulics.**

The company, which manufactures hydraulic hose fittings and hose assemblies, previously required waste collections at least once a week resulting in very high costs, but since the installation of the baler, for cardboard and polythene, collections and the associated costs have been drastically reduced.

The baler has also improved the working environment at Euro Power Hydraulics by ensuring that the waste area is clean and tidy. It also saves the company a considerable amount of space.

Phil Jones of Euro Power Hydraulics said: "We have only had the baler for a short time but it has already made a really positive difference by significantly reducing our costs and also improving our environmental performance. ACM has also helped us to introduce a recycling scheme for all our white paper."

ACM is also looking into providing additional waste management and recycling solutions for Euro Power with the next stage being the introduction of fluorescent tube recycling to help the company comply with the latest legislation, which bans these items being sent to landfill.



# Love thy neighbour

When Enfield based Winther Brown needed to reduce its waste management costs and improve its environmental performance all it needed to do to find a company that could help was to look across the road to ACM. The two companies are so close that they can actually see each other from their office windows!

Winther Brown supplies fire surrounds and radiator covers to some of the UK's largest DIY retailers and in the process generates large amounts of cardboard and polythene waste. The company was previously using two open skips, both of which required emptying at least two or three times every week, resulting in very high collection costs.

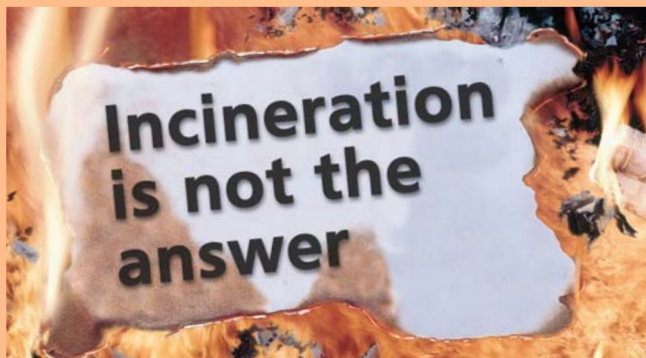
ACM provided the perfect solution in the shape of a twin chamber baler, which has cut the number of waste collections to just one every two weeks and has enabled Winther Brown to take advantage of the rebates that are often available for recycling cardboard and polythene.

Winther Brown's David Graney said: "The baler is fantastic. It has helped us to make a huge saving on our waste collection costs as well as helping us to improve our environmental performance by baling all the polythene and card ready for recycling.



# ...IN THE NEWS!

ACM chairman Barry Bolton has recently become a regular columnist in industry publication MRW discussing some of the most topical issues facing the UK waste industry. Most recently the issue was incineration:



DEFRA is currently going through consultation before releasing the results of the Waste Strategy Review 2005, but one piece of information that has already emerged is that we need to recycle twice as much of our household rubbish over the next 15 years if we are to match the levels of other European countries - no surprises there! But, the government is also recommending that three times more of our rubbish must be incinerated if we are to make a significant reduction to the amount of waste being sent to landfill.

I think we are all agreed that we cannot continue to send so much of

our waste to landfill but, in my opinion, incineration is not the solution. We should be focussing more on waste reduction, recycling and re-use, both at home and in the workplace.

Recommending incineration seems to me to be an easy way for the government to reach its targets rather than taking the much harder, but more environmentally friendly option of turning the UK into a recycling society.

Watch out for Barry Bolton's regular column in the next issue of MRW - 6th April 2006.

## A rubbish website that's great!

The Guardian on Wednesday 8 March 2006 featured an organisation called Freecycle - a fantastic website where people can recycle their unwanted goods. It was created as a way of reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill and has been compared to Ebay without any money changing hands. Freecycle is responsible for keeping more than 200 tonnes of waste per day out of landfill sites worldwide. Basically you advertise your unwanted goods, which could be anything from used VHS video

tapes to heart shaped fizzy bath tablets, and the person or company that is interested in them comes along to pick them up!

So, if there is anything lying around your home or office that can't be recycled through more conventional methods log on to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org).



For more information as to how ACM can benefit your business:  
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## ACM provides agricultural solutions



From January 2007 new legislation will ban the burning of agricultural plastic waste - the disposal method most commonly used by many UK farmers.

As the industry prepares for the new legislation and looks into other methods of waste disposal concerns have arisen about the increased costs that many farmers believe will follow.

But, in fact, with the right equipment and the implementation of recycling initiatives, not only will there be no increase in costs there could also be significant savings.

**ACM can arrange to pick up all types of plastic waste free of charge and in some cases offer rebates.**

For more information contact Stuart Burgess on: **0208 344 3064.**

## Price Increase

Over the past twelve months the waste industry has had to deal with the impact of the working time directive, volatile fuel prices, and further controls and reclassification relating to the disposal of hazardous wastes.

UK Government administered Landfill Tax is also due to rise by a further 17% on 1st April 2006. These increases have resulted in increased waste disposal and maintenance costs, which will be applied to ACM customers' charges from 1st April 2006.

Further information is available from Dave Avenell on 0208 344 3067. We will keep you up to date on any further developments and legislation changes in the next issue of Complete Update.

## Your view counts

If you have a story or idea that you would like considered for entry in future editions of **Complete Update**, then please contact Laura Harte on 020 8344 3064 or email: [harte@acmplc.com](mailto:harte@acmplc.com)



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